

WILL LOOK TO CANADA FOR WHEAT

ONE REASON WHY AMERICANS GO TO CANADA.

In the Chicago Inter-Ocean of a few days since reference was made to the fact that in 1909 the United States raised 737,189,000 bushels of wheat, and last year grew only 696,443,000, a decrease of 41,746,000 bushels. The article went on to say: "True we raised last year more than enough wheat for our own needs, but it is apparent that if production continues to decrease in that ratio we will soon be obliged to look to other countries for wheat to supply our rapidly increasing population."

The purpose of the article was to show that reciprocity was to be desired. This is a question that I do not propose to deal with, preferring to leave it to others who have made a greater study of that economic question than I have. The point to be considered is, with the high price of lands in the United States, and with the much lower priced lands of Canada, and their ability to produce probably more abundantly, is it not well for the United States farmer to take advantage of the opportunity Canada affords with its lower-priced lands and take a part in supplying the needs of the United States, which it is quite apparent must come sooner or later? It is probable there are now about 300,000 American farmers in Western Canada, cultivating large farms, and becoming rich, in the growing of 25- and 30-bushel-to-the-acre wheat, in producing large yields of oats and barley, and in raising horses and cattle cheaply on the wild prairie grasses that are there, both succulent and abundant. All these find a ready market at good prices. Amongst the Americans who have made their homes in Canada are to be found colonies of Scandinavians, and all are doing well. I have before me a letter from an American Scandinavian, now a Canadian, an extract from which is interesting. Writing from Turtle Lake, Saskatchewan, he says:

"I came up here from Fergus Falls, Minn., October 24th, 1910, and thought I would let you know how I have been getting along. We had a very mild winter up to New Year's, but since then it has been quite cold and lots of snow, but not worse than that we could be out every day working, even though we had 65 below zero a few times, but we do not feel the cold here the same as we did in Minnesota, as it is very still and the air is high and dry. This is a splendid place for cattle raising and mixed farming. There is some willow brush and small poplars on part of the land, which is rolling and covered with splendid grass in the summer. Not far from here there is timber for building material. There are only 8 Norwegians here, 6 Scotchmen, 2 Germans. The lake is 20 miles long and full of very fine fish.

"There is a lot of land yet that has not been taken and room for many settlers, and we wish you would send some settlers up here, as there are fine prospects for them, especially for those who have a little money to start with. Send them here to Turtle Lake, and we will show them the land, if they have secured plots, showing the vacant lands, at the Dominion Lands office in Battleford. Send us up some good Scandinavian this spring."

The Canadian government agents will try to meet his wishes.

Willing to Make an Effort.
On a large estate in the Scottish highlands it was the custom for a piper to play in front of the house every week day morning to awaken the residents. After an over-indulgent Saturday night, however, the piper forgot the day and began his reveille (can it be played on the pipes?) on Sunday morning. The angry master shouted to him from the bedroom window: "Here, do you not know the fourth commandment?" And the piper, startled by the shout, replied: "Nae, sir, but ye'll hie—whistle it in—hie—try it, sir."

A Backhanded One.
He—The great trouble with Gabbleigh is he talks too much.
She—That's strange. When he's been with me he's scarcely said a word.
He—Oh, he's too much of a gentleman to interrupt.

What We Are Coming To.
Jack—I thought your landlord didn't allow children.
Henry—Sh! We call it Fido.—Harper's Bazar.

Constipation causes and aggravates many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. The favorite family laxative.

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.—Benjamin Disraeli.

Nature's laxative, Garfield Tea, overcomes constipation and is ideally suited to tone up the system in the Spring.

It's a waste of the other fellow's time when you talk foolish.

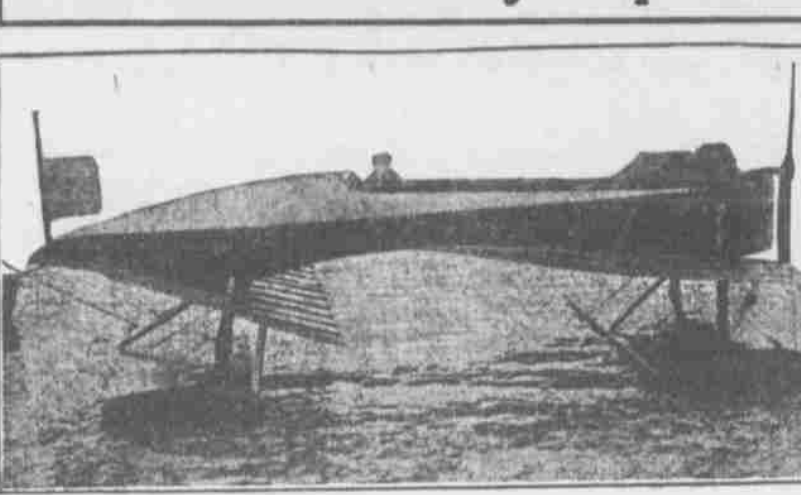
Splendid Crops in Saskatchewan (Western Canada)

800 Bushels from 20 acres of wheat was the average return from a 160-acre farm in the West. Many fields in that area as well as other districts yielded from 25 to 35 bushels to the acre. The grain is in proportion. **LARGE PROFITS** are thus derived from the FREE HOMESTEAD LANDS of Western Canada. The excellent farming country, with its rich soil, grain growing, mixed farming, cattle raising and dairying are all profitable. Free Homesteads of 160 acres are to be had in the very best districts; 160 acre pre-emption at \$2.00 per acre with certain areas. Schools and churches in every settled district. Climate unexcelled, soil the finest; wood, water and building material. For particulars as to location, price of land, etc., write to the Western Canadian Land Office, 100 West 1st St., Winnipeg, Minn., or to the Canadian Government Agent, 100 West 1st St., Winnipeg, Minn. (This address nearest you.) 30

MARVELS OF THE EARTH

□ CURIOUS, ODD AND INTERESTING OBJECTS AND PLACES □

Newest of Aero-Hydroplanes



A very uncommon craft, embodying the principles of the hydroplane or skimming boat, and the aeroplane, has recently been built at Cowes, England, for use in the speed tests at Monaco. This strange vessel can rise from the surface of the water, make an aerial voyage and descend to float on the waves. The Aero-hydroplane, as it is called, was designed by M. Ravaut, a young French aviator. The hull consists of two hydroplane floats, each about 20 feet long, supporting the body of the machine above. This is a boat shaped hull or carriage with an aerial propeller driven by a 50-horse power rotary engine at the stern. The rudder is at the bow. The "boat" has two planes on each side and small ones on the floats. Accommodation is provided for three or four passengers.

BIGGEST BIRD'S NEST

The biggest bird's nest in the world, not excepting the stork's, is built by the African grosbeak. It is really a hundred nests or more bound together with closely interwoven sticks, vines and strands of coarse grass, and is not built by a single pair of birds, but by a colony of them. It is of such enormous size that at a little distance it is often mistaken for one of the native huts built in the trees so frequently found in wild tropical countries where man-eating animals abound, and the only way to sleep in safety is to "roost high."

The birds usually select a thorn-tree, probably because of the protection afforded by the sharp, long thorns against marauders. All around the nest the roof of sticks, thatched with dried grass, projects to let the rain run off. A deep fringe of grass hangs from this cornice like a curtain to keep out any stray drops. These great nests are added to from year to year, each pair of mated birds building on the main nest. Sometimes the nest becomes too heavy, and the branch breaks or the great mass of sticks falls to the ground, destroyed by its own weight. The grosbeak is no larger than an English sparrow and just as gregarious.

THUMB SCREW FOR BEAUTIES



China is not the only country where the fair sex voluntarily undergo mild forms of torture in order to bring themselves into conformity with conventional ideas of beauty. In America and Europe contrivances much like the ancient thumb screws are used to give the desired filbert shape to the nails on women's hands and while they inflict some suffering, they are said to be effective.

CANARY THAT REALLY TALKS

At the National Cage Bird Show held recently at the Crystal Palace in London, the exhibits numbered 3,500. The bird which attracted the most attention was a talking canary, the property of Mrs. Ives of Thundersley, Essex. It is claimed that this wonderful bird can sing, talk and whistle, and it is said to be fond of the phrases, "My dear boy," "Joey, you are a pretty boy," "Kiss your missus," and "Joey, you are a dear beauty." It was reported some years ago that Queen Alexandra had a canary that talked, but this is the first time on record that any talking canary has been entered in a bird show.

SQUIRREL ROBBED THE MAIL

The robbing of the United States mail by a squirrel was a most unusual incident. One of the mail carriers in the city was on his regular rounds, and had among his mail to be delivered an advertising card to which was attached a large walnut, inside of which was the matter advertised. A little squirrel seeing the nut, jumped upon the mail carrier's shoulder and, unning down his arm with lightning speed, took the nut and card from his hand, and then climbed a nearby tree, where it investigated the contents of the nut. Fortunately, upon discovering that the nut was not the kind it wanted, the squirrel dropped it and the card without damaging either, and they later were delivered to the proper address.

HOW BIRDS KEEP WARM

The high temperature of birds enables them to resist cold more effectively than they could otherwise do. Whereas blood heat in man is 98.4 degrees Fahrenheit it is 107 degrees in

DRUGS USED IN TROPICS

Quinine stands first on the list of drugs for the tropics; Epsom salts next; then comes calomel, castor oil, tincture of iron, or liquor of perchloride of iron, opium, and brandy. A large majority of the drugs most used are those well known to the doctors of two generations ago. One medical missionary has worked out the quantities of 13 drugs that would be necessary for the treatment of 20,000 patients in a year. He estimates that the approximate cost would be \$325. His list includes 300 pounds of quinine, 300 pounds of Epsom salts, and 200 gross of a tonic pill. On some rivers of the Malay states are dispensary boats that reach distant points, where quinine and other necessary medicines are distributed by the government to the malaria-stricken natives, who would be without remedies except for this charitable measure for relief.

DOG SAVES BOYS FROM DEATH

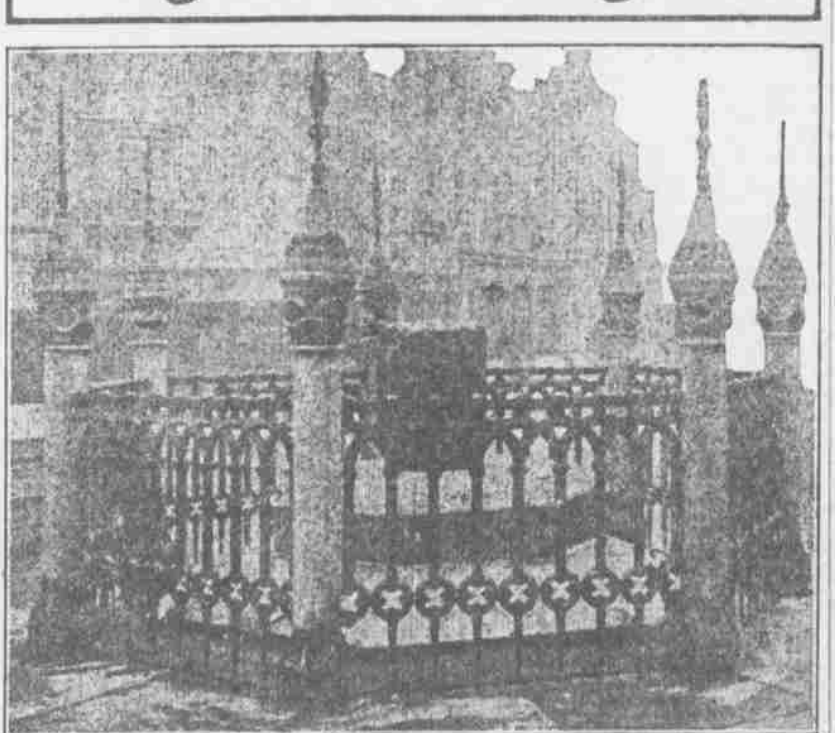
Two fourteen-year-old boys, Carl Lewis and Sherman Goodyear, of Charleston, W. Va., were saved from death a few days ago by their dog. While on a hunting trip the boys entered an abandoned mine and were lost. One of their dogs returned home and led a rescue party to the mine where the youthful nimrods were found almost frozen to death. They had burned their clothing for fuel, were without food and in a semi-conscious condition. One dog remained with the boys until they were rescued.

PUPHEK DANCE IN PARAGUAY



Among the natives of Paraguay when a girl comes of age the event is celebrated by a big feast, the chief feature of which is the puphek dance by the women. It takes its name from the bunches of deer hoofs attached to the long poles which the dancers carry. When struck on the ground they produce a loud jangle to which the dancers, numbering from twenty to thirty, keep step.

King's Stone at Kingston



In the English city of Kingston there stands, surrounded by a protecting railing, the object from which the town derives its name. This is the "King's Stone," a piece of rock which served as the throne at the coronation of all the early Saxons. It is a most carefully preserved relic, and is of especial interest in this, the year of King George's coronation.

BIG APPETITES IN HUNGARY

The appetite of the Hungarian peasant is well known to be hearty. An idea of the amount consumed at feasts may be gathered from the menu of a wedding feast which took place some days ago in a small Hungarian village. The wedding rejoicings lasted four days. There were 1,400 guests, and they consumed 650 geese, 425 turkeys, 1,200 chickens, 60 pigeons, 3,400 loaves, 400 tins of biscuits, two hundredweight of rice, 1,320 gallons of wine, and 100 barrels of beer.

LOG SCHOOLHOUSE IN MAINE

Maine has one real log cabin schoolhouse, the building being situated on the estate of C. O. DeMerritt, a 1,600-acre farm in Riley plantation, of which Ketchum is the postoffice. It is located some ten miles from Bethel, and about 50 people live thereabout. The inhabitants pay no taxes except for the maintenance of the school, and are not restricted by any special town laws.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Cummins Seeks Rigid Merit System



WASHINGTON.—Senator Cummins of Iowa, as chairman of the committee on civil service and reorganization, proposes to push the consideration of a comprehensive civil service measure—one that will provide for the designation by law of all places under civil service classification, instead of leaving them to executive order, and which will regulate promotions and retirements.

As a member of the committee on interstate commerce he already has done some work on a bill to reorganize the interstate commission, increasing its membership and dividing it into five parts, these parts to have jurisdiction respectively over sections of the country corresponding to the traffic divisions as designated by the railroads.

It is not certain that the scheme for reorganization of the interstate commerce commission will be advanced beyond the preliminary stage at this extra session.

With respect to the subject first mentioned, however, it is the intention to introduce a bill within a short

time and to do as much work on it as possible in committee during the summer.

Hearings may be held and as an indication of Senator Cummins' intention to keep his committee busy, the first thing he did after reaching Washington the other day was to move his quarters in the senate office building from the northwest corner to the southeast corner, immediately adjoining the room allotted to the committee on civil service and reorganization.

For years, until Mr. Cummins became chairman, this committee had been one of the "do-nothing" committees of the senate. In the last Congress it held hearings on the proposition to provide for the retirement and pensioning of superannuated employees of the various government departments.

It now is proposed to embrace the civil service classification and the promotion and retirement features in one comprehensive measure.

There is no intention, it is understood, of assailing the executive branch of the government through the proposition to designate by law the positions that shall be filled under the civil service rules. It is designed, however, to make the rules more rigid and to prevent in the future the excepting of certain places from the application of the rules by executive order.

Sherman Hard to Keep in Line

VICE-PRESIDENT SHERMAN'S fondness for mixing with the crowd, talking politics with his old cronies in the house and a general dislike for formality, especially when the formality is a prolonged affair, almost disarranged the White House plans for the New Year reception.

Mr. Sherman was the first man received by the president. The vice-president then became a member of the president's receiving party. The presiding officer of the senate continued to bow sweetly as long as possible, and then quietly stepped into the line of guests which had already passed the president and walked out to the east room, where there were hundreds of politicians of various brands. The vice-president was having a fine time when he was interrupted by Capt. Archibald Butt, the president's military aid.

"Mr. Vice-President," said Captain Butt, "you have been missed from the receiving line. Permit me to escort you back in time to receive the diplomats."

"So long, boys," said the vice-president, waving his hand to his old cronies in the house. "See you later." Diplomat after diplomat passed the



president, and behind them the vice-president saw an endless line of gold braid adorning the breasts of countless officers of the army and navy stationed in Washington.

"Those fellows don't want to see me for anything," said the vice-president, as he slipped back into the east room. Half an hour later, while the vice-president was exchanging the compliments of the season and telling and hearing stories, he was again accosted by Captain Butt.

"I have been looking all over the White House for you," said the military aid.

"Well, here I am," remarked "Sunny Jim," slapping Butt on the back. "What do you want this time?"

"President Taft's party is ready to go to luncheon," said the captain, "and we are waiting for you to escort Mrs. Taft."

Jap War Talk Is Called Criminal



"YOU can take two friendly boys and bump their heads together until one of them will lose his temper and then you will have a fight," said a high-up official of the United States. "The same rule applies to nations. This talk about a prospective war between the United States and Japan if kept up for a few years will inevitably produce war between the two countries. It ought to be stopped, and stopped now."

"There ought to be some way of inflicting punishment on persons who indulge in this war talk when there is not the slightest foundation for it. The newspapers are not primarily responsible for this talk. I do think, however, that they ought to quit giving it publicity."

Some persons have recently made

the suggestion that it might not be improper for congress to start an investigation with a view to ascertaining why this talk of hostilities between the United States and Japan continues. It is pointed out that such an investigation ought to reveal whether as a matter of cold fact there is any basis for the stories that are constantly put in circulation. For nearly four years this talk has gone on here at the capital, and naturally has spread to other sections of the country.

President Taft has recently found it necessary to invite the ambassador of the Japanese empire to the White House and assure him personally that the administration is in no way responsible for the war talk that has recently been indulged in, and to reiterate to him that the United States has only the kindest feelings for Japan.

During the last month many stories, circumstantial in character, have been passed around here tending to show that Japan is preparing to fight this country. Every one of them on investigation has been found to be baseless.

Naturalists Busy on Canal Zone

ENCOURAGING reports are being received by the Smithsonian Institution from the naturalists who are taking part in the biological survey of the Panama canal zone, which was organized by the institution last winter. The principal branches of natural history are represented in the party, which includes seven experienced field naturalists, nearly all of them from the scientific bureaus of the government.

Naturalists throughout the world are greatly interested in this biological survey, because when the canal is opened sweeping changes probably will take place in the distribution of the animals and plants. A part of the fresh water streams of the isthmus now empty into the Atlantic ocean and others into the Pacific.

It is known that a certain number of animals and plants in the streams on the Atlantic side differ from those of the Pacific side, but as no biological survey has ever been undertaken the extent and magnitude of these differences have yet to be learned.

No Advancement.

Experts in Brazilian agriculture unite in affirming that methods of growing tobacco, gathering the crop and curing it have changed little, if at all, since the days of the early colonists. Two centuries ago. Practically nowhere is there any idea of tilling the soil and cultivating the crop with an instrument more modern than the spade.

Better Fitted.

"Well, who got the nomination—the chap who looked like Daniel Webster?" "No. The fellow that looked like ready money."—Puck.



It also is of great importance to science to determine the geographical distribution of the various organisms inhabiting these waters. As the isthmus is one of the routes by which the animals and plants of South America have entered North America and vice versa.

When the canal is completed the natural distinctions now existing will be obliterated, while by the construction of the Gatun dam a vast fresh water lake will be formed, which will drive away or drown the majority of the animals and plants now inhabiting the locality and might exterminate some of the species before the scientific experts had a chance to study them.

Childhood Souvenirs.

A good idea for mothers who like to have souvenirs of their little one's childhood is to paste in a book samples from every new dress or suit, with a picture of the pattern if possible. Not only is this interesting for both mother and children in time to come, but it forms a valuable history of costume for the period, and is of practical service as well by insuring variety in dress from year to year.

City Air Destructive to Wire.

A telegraph wire strung through the country will last about four times as long as one passing through the city.

AFTER 7 YEARS SUFFERING

I Was Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Waurika, Okla.—"I had female troubles for seven years, was all run down, nervous and so nervous I could not do anything. The doctors treated me for different things but did me no good. I got so bad that I could not sleep day or night. While in this condition I read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and began its use and

wrote to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. In a short time I had gained my average weight and am now strong and well."

—Mrs. SARAH STEVENS, A. F. D., No. 8, Box 81, Waurika, Okla.

Another Grateful Woman.
Huntington, Mass.—"I was in a nervous, run down condition and for three years could find no help."

"I owe my present good health to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier which I have saved my life."

"My doctor knows what helped me and does not say one word against it."

—Mrs. MARI JAXETTE BATES, Box 134, Huntington, Mass.

Because your case is a difficult one, doctors having done you no good, do not continue to suffer without giving Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. It surely has cured many cases of female ills, such as inflammation, ulceration, displacements, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, and nervous prostration.

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Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure
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Stop after dinner—cure indigestion—improve the complexion—brighten the eyes. Small Pills, Small Dose, Small Price.

Genuine must bear Signature

W. L. Thompson's Eye Water

OF COURSE.



The Magistrate—You say you didn't know the pistol was loaded, yet the dealer who sold it to you says you did not pay for it.

Prisoner—What's that got to do with it?

The Magistrate—Well, if you didn't pay for it, then the dealer must have charged it for you.

Youthful Criminals.

One of the most distressing cases he has ever had to deal with faced a Liverpool (England) magistrate recently, and one cannot wonder at his exclamation: "What can I do with these babies?" as he gazed upon five tiny prisoners in the dock. The youngest was only seven years old, and the oldest eleven, yet the quintet for two months have carried out thefts and other depredations with such skill and cunning that for two months the police and detectives have been trying in vain to find out who were the thieves. No fewer than 40 charges were brought against the children. The 7-year-old child was the ringleader, and quite an adept at thieving and planning thefts.

DAME NATURE HINTS

When the Food is Not Satisfied.

When Nature gives her signal that something is wrong it is generally with the food; the old Dame is always faithful and one should act at once.

To put off the change is to risk that which may be irreparable. An Arizona man says:

"For years I could not safely eat any breakfast. I tried all kinds of breakfast foods, but they were all soft, starchy messes, which gave me distressing headaches. I drank strong coffee, too, which appeared to benefit me at the time, but added to the headaches afterwards. Toast and coffee were no better, for I found the toast very constipating."

"A friend persuaded me to quit coffee and the starchy breakfast foods, and use Postum and Grape-Nuts instead. I shall never regret taking his advice."

"The change they have worked in me is wonderful. I now have no more of the distressing sensations in my stomach after eating, and I never have any headaches. I have gained 12 pounds in weight and feel better in every way. Grape-Nuts make a delicious as well as a nutritious dish, and I find that Postum is easily digested and never produces dyspepsia symptoms."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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